

I object to forcing FM translator services off the air on the grounds that these stations serve niche markets that might receive little or no service from the LPFM stations that replace them. My wife and I listen to one particular service that might be affected by this ruling. Losing this station would deprive her of a service that helps her with her anxiety (she begins the day by listening to music on this station). As a media professional I also believe that the incoming LPFM stations would not necessarily serve the public interest better than the existing translator-based services do. On the contrary, I see several specialty audiences being deprived by such a change -- the new stations would likely cater to more lucrative mass markets. This is not in the public interest, and the FCC has a duty to regulate the public (NOT government-owned) airwaves in a manner that serves the public.